

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - receiving at a communication terminal from a remote terminal via a communication channel a message including a group of terminal operating characteristics;
 - storing information corresponding to the group of terminal operating characteristics in the communication terminal;
 - identifying one or more user profiles stored on the communication terminal, wherein each of the user profiles corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal;
 - displaying on the communication terminal a list of selectable items corresponding to the identified one or more user profiles;
 - receiving a first user input associating a displayed selectable item corresponding to a first user profile with the received group of terminal operating characteristics;
 - ~~associating the group of terminal operating characteristics with a first user profile on the communication terminal; and~~
 - receiving a second user input selecting the first user profile as the operational profile on the communication terminal; and
 - in response to said second user input, configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics ~~in response to a selection of the first user profile.~~
2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes a ringing tone and at least one graphical picture.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes at least one of a card defining contact information and a

calendar note defining a date of an event.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes bookmark information defining the location of a server document.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message is received from a remote server providing promotional content.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message is received from a remote server providing event driven content.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a display on the communication terminal allowing the user to discard one or more of the terminal operating characteristics from a received message after inspecting the terminal operating characteristics included in the message.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2 wherein the at least one graphical picture includes a plurality of individual pictures displayed successively in order to create an animation.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the animation becomes a screen saver for the communication terminal upon selection of the first user profile.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message includes a profile name label for the group of terminal operating characteristics.

12-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving at a communication terminal from a remote terminal via a communication channel a message including a group of terminal operating characteristics;

identifying one or more user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal, wherein each of the user-selectable profiles corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal; ~~and~~

displaying on the communication terminal a list of selectable items corresponding to the identified one or more user-selectable profiles;

~~receiving at the communication terminal user input associating indicating that the received group of terminal operating characteristics should be associated with one or more of the a displayed selectable item corresponding to a first user-selectable profile with the received group of terminal operating characteristics; identified user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal; and~~

in response to said user input, updating the terminal operating characteristics of the first ~~one or more user-selectable profile profiles~~ to correspond to the received group of terminal operating characteristics.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes a ringing tone and at least one graphical picture.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics further includes at least one of a card defining contact information and a calendar note defining a date of an event.

37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics further includes bookmark information defining the location of a server document.

38. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the message is received

from a remote server providing promotional content.

39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the message is received from a remote server providing event driven content.

40-45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
after receiving the message, providing a display on the communication terminal to notify a user of the receipt of the terminal operating characteristics; and
receiving at the communication terminal user input indicating that the received terminal operating characteristics are to be saved on the communication terminal.

47 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
receiving at the communication terminal user input selecting the first user profile; and
configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics.

48 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, further comprising:
providing a display on the communication terminal to notify a user of the receipt of the terminal operating characteristics;
receiving at the communication terminal user input identifying one or more of the received terminal operating characteristics and affirming that the one or more user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal are to be updated to correspond to the one or more identified characteristics.

49 (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor controlling at least some operations of the apparatus; and
memory storing computer executable instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the apparatus to perform a method comprising:

receiving a message from a remote terminal including a group of terminal operating characteristics;

storing information corresponding to the group of terminal operating characteristics;

identifying one or more user profiles stored in the memory, wherein each of the user profiles corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the apparatus;

displaying on the apparatus a list of selectable items corresponding to the identified one or more user profiles;

receiving user input associating a displayed selectable item corresponding to a first user profile with ~~indicating that the received group of terminal operating characteristics should be associated with one or more of the identified user profiles stored in the memory;~~ and

~~associating the group of terminal operating characteristics with a first user profile on the apparatus;~~ and

configuring the apparatus to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics when in response to a selection of the first user profile is selected on the apparatus.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, the method further comprising:
after receiving the message, providing a display on the apparatus to notify a user of the receipt of the terminal operating characteristics; and

receiving at the apparatus user input indicating that the received terminal operating characteristics are to be saved on the apparatus.

51. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, the method further comprising:
receiving user input selecting the first user profile; and
configuring the apparatus to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics.

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the user interface provided on the display allows the user to discard one or more of the terminal operating characteristics from a received message after inspection of the terminal operating characteristics included in the message.

53. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics comprises a ringing tone and at least one graphical picture.

54. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein a plurality of user profiles are stored on the communication terminal, and wherein only one of the user profiles can be selected on the communication terminal at one time.

55. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein configuring the communication terminal comprises creating a new user profile on the communication terminal.

56. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein a plurality of user profiles are stored on the apparatus, and wherein only one of the user profiles can be selected on the apparatus at one time.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein configuring the apparatus comprises creating a new user profile in the memory of the apparatus.

58. (New) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a communication terminal, perform a method comprising:

receiving at the communication terminal from a remote terminal via a communication channel a message including a group of terminal operating characteristics;

storing information corresponding to the group of terminal operating characteristics in the communication terminal;

identifying one or more user profiles stored on the communication terminal, wherein each of the user profiles corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal;

displaying on the communication terminal a list of selectable items corresponding to the identified one or more user profiles;

receiving a first user input associating a displayed selectable item corresponding to a first user profile with the received group of terminal operating characteristics;

receiving a second user input selecting the first user profile as the operational profile on the communication terminal; and

in response to said second user input, configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics.

59. (New) The computer readable media of claim 58, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes a ringing tone and at least one graphical picture.